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TO: Each Supervisor

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SUBJECT: **NOTIFICATION OF EMERGENCY SERVICES ASSISTANCE IN RESPONSE TO SUPER STORM SANDY**

The County of Los Angeles Department of Mental Health (DMH), as a partner agency with the American Red Cross (ARC), is sending a team of four DMH licensed clinicians to the East Coast (New York, New Jersey, or Virginia) for 10 days to provide psychological services to those impacted by Super Storm Sandy. DMH staff will also provide services to agency staff including FEMA and local government employees who may be overwhelmed by the large number of victims requesting help and the victims' intense emotional reactions. These four DMH staff are expected to be deployed on Saturday, December 1, 2012. DMH will cover staff salaries, and the ARC will cover all travel expenses including, airfare, lodging, meals, ground transportation, and incidentals.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact me at (213) 738-4601, or your staff may contact Tony Beliz, Ph.D., Deputy Director, Emergency Outreach Bureau, at (213) 738-4924.

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